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PRACTICE AREAS

- Builder's Risk
- Insurance
- Property Insurance
- Reinsurance

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: New York, Florida
- United States District Court: Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; Southern District of Florida

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1991; LL.M., 1995
- State University of New York at Albany, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1988

William Zieden-Weber's practice is concentrated in counseling and litigating domestic and international property insurance matters, including Property, Energy, CAR/Builder's Risk, and Boilerand Machinery claims. He has experience in all phases of dispute resolution including trials, arbitrations and mediations. Additionally,Bill has extensive experience in investigating, counseling and litigating reinsurance and subrogation matters.

In addition to having litigated matters in numerous state and federal courts throughout the United States,Bill has handled international property, reinsurance and subrogation cases for many global insurance companies.He has significant experience in handling and counseling domestic and international insurers on foreign insurance matters. He has conducted investigations, examinations, discovery and litigation in many countries within Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and South America.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Rest of World

Represented property insurance market in multi-million dollar arbitration in the London Court of International Arbitration arising from construction defects to a power generation facility in Indonesia. Received unanimous defense verdict from arbitrators.

Represented property insurance market in connection with a multi-million dollar property insurance adjustment involving the resolution of design defect dispute to the worlds largest nitrogen separation facility in Mexico.

Represented property insurance market in connection with the adjustment and multi-party mediation involving a multi-million dollar design defect/earthquake loss to a power generation facility in Peru.

Represented property insurance market in connection with a -million dollar property insurance adjustment involving a multi-million dollar flood loss to a power generation facility in Cali, Columbia.

Represented property insurance market in connection with a property insurance adjustment involving fraudulent repairs to power generation

equipment in Saudi Arabia.

Represented reinsurance market in an arbitration in Brazil relating to the interpretation of property damage deductible and waiting period. Received complete defense verdict from arbitrators including costs and attorneys fees.

Represented reinsurance market in connection with property insurance adjustment involving a multi-million dollar defectively designed turbine loss in Argentina.

Represented reinsurance market in connection with a fire/explosion loss at a gas oil separation facility in Libya involving OFAC issues.

Represented multiple reinsurers in connection with a property insurance adjustment involving a multi-million dollar collapse of a hydro tunnel in Chile.

Represented reinsurance market in connection a property insurance adjustment involving pipeline collapses in Peru.

Represented reinsurance market in connection with the adjustment of fire loss in Czech Republic.

Represented reinsurance market in connection with the property insurance adjustment involving a hydro-electric complex in Bolivia.

Represented reinsurance market in connection with a multi-million dollar adjustment, mediation and settlement of an electrical generator loss in Argentina.

Represented property insurer in connection with the adjustment and mediation of defective earthquake centrifuge in South Korea.

Property Insurance

Represented property insurers in coverage action and appeal involving ensuing loss issues in Florida. Appellate court reversed and entered judgment for the property insurer *(Texpack Group N.V. and Papertech Corporation v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).*

Represented property insurer in multi-million dollar coverage action involving

the destruction of a power generation facility in Kansas City, MO.

Represented property insurer in a case addressing the proper interpretation of earthquake deductible under New York law; won favorable ruling on summary judgment; case ultimately settled at mediation *(Laureate Education, Inc. v. The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania).*

Represented property insurer in coverage action relating to proper interpretation of ensuing loss provision under New York law; won favorable ruling on summary judgment *(Uniondale Realty Associates v. Lexington Insurance Company, et al).*

Represented property insurance market in a coverage action involving a Canadian reactor loss; won favorable ruling on motion to dismiss on jurisdictional and forum non conveniens grounds *(Alberta & Orient Glycol Company Ltd. v. Factory Mutual Insurance Co. et al).*

Represented property insurer in coverage action relating to fire loss in Maryland; case dismissed following mediation *(The Local Government Insurance Trust of Maryland v. Royal Indemnity Co.).*

Represented property insurance market in a coverage action involving the proper interpretation of wet works deductible in connection with the construction of a power generation facility in Wisconsin; won favorable ruling on summary judgment *(Edward E. Gillen Co. v. Zurich American Insurance Company et al).*

Represented property insurer in a coverage action involving contamination loss in Indiana *(ESI Environmental v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).*

Represented property insurer in connection with a property insurance adjustment involving series defects to set-up transformers.

Represented property insurer in arbitration under joint loss agreement.

Represented property insurance market in coverage action involving hurricane losses *(Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. v. Lexington Insurance Company et al).*

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Reinsurance

Represented reinsurer in multi-party arbitration in connection with Catastrophe Natural flood loss in France; won favorable defense verdict.

Represented reinsurance market in connection with multi-million dollar property insurance adjustment and coverage action involving hurricane losses to one of the worlds largest department store chains; won favorable ruling on *Daubert* motions and case ultimately settled on insurers terms.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

"The Complexities of CBI Insurance for Methane Gas Processing Facilities," Afternoon with Zelle in London, February 24, 2024, co-presenter

"New Fla. Atty Fee Law May Be Boon To Property Insurers," *Insurance Law360*, September 2, 2021, co-author

"How Insurers Can Prepare For Hurricanes During A Pandemic," *Insurance Law360*, June 3, 2020, co-author

Latin American Losses A Varied Perspective, Allied World Claims Conference, November 18, 2014

Fracking, various underwriters, New York, NY, November 2014

Ensuing Loss in the Energy Context, Zurich American Ins. Co., New York, NY, September 2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

New York Bar Association

Florida Bar Association